

Administration Reports

October 2021

Sam Boardman Elementary

It is already October and I am not sure how that happened so quickly. Although we have a lot of challenges this school year, we also have many exciting things happening at Sam Boardman that I am pleased to share. First the addition of our new school nurse from IMESD, Nicole Hill, affectionally known as Nurse Nikki, has been an amazing addition to our SBE school family. She has quickly earned the trust and hearts of our staff and students. I have shared with her multiple times, "I don't know what we did without out you!". She is a and is able to problem solve, even with the many challenges of students are here when they can be, or sent home to keep our truly appreciate her expertise and her can-do attitude to help students alike. When she is able to assess student illness and keep them in-person, this benefits our students and is much families. In the photo Nurse Nikki is administering Covid tests students, a brother and sister, in our SBE parking lot.



former ER nurse making sure our students safe! I staff and we are able to appreciated by for two of our

Second, I am also happy to report the positive partnership with our community in Boardman and with the Chamber of Commerce. I have always been amazed at how much this growing town is willing to do for our school, and recently we were awarded funds to replace the hoops, backboards, and pads in our gym at SBE. With this funding we will also be able to add an additional cross court to provide the ability for more basketball during PE and also for potential future tournaments at Sam Boardman. This new equipment will be telescoping to allow for both regulation height, and for moving the hoops to accommodate youth basketball as well. Our vision is to create opportunities, once we can, for the community and help the local economy by bringing in youth sporting events. This funding was made possible by the Boardman Community Development Association. The project is scheduled to be completed during our winter break in December. I look forward to sending the BCDA board pictures and appreciation for this amazing opportunity for our youth.

Another exciting opportunity comes from the *Think Big Classroom* located at the Sage Center here in Boardman. Our 3rd grade students are scheduled to visit Mr. Walker's classroom in November to participate in STEAM activities. Mr. Walker came to our building to plan with our 3rd grade team to support them with our October 15th STEAM day that he can build upon in his Think Big classroom in the following weeks. This partnership is exciting for our students and our teachers as well! Lastly, also at the SAGE Center this coming week our kindergarten students will get to visit and learn about agriculture in our region. All 100 kinder students and their teachers, (plus approved parent volunteers), will visit a local Boardman pumpkin patch as part of our field trip, as well as visit the SAGE Center exhibits. On Friday the 15th, kinder teachers are following this field trip with STEAM day activities that are also 'pumpkin related'. Stay tuned, we will share photos on our website of this great experience!

Windy River Elementary

Report on Board Goal #3: Collaboration with county and regional partners to further provide innovative learning opportunities for students.

We are very excited to be receiving our classroom Promethean boards very soon. They have officially hit state side a few weeks ago and will be here to be installed hopefully in the next couple of weeks. These will be very interactive for students and staff. We will have enough of them to go in every grade level classroom.

We will be hosting our 1st STEAM day on October 15th of this month and teachers are very excited for these opportunities to build wind turbines, art projects, and computer systems with our students. Many have already started preloading some history/science with students so they are more prepared for this day. Each grade level has created at least 3 projects to work on during this day.

It has been over a month since we have started using the badge system for the buses. This system enables the bus company and families to track students better. It allows parents to see where and what time their student is going to

arrive to school or their home. Throughout the month students are becoming more efficient at scanning their badges which makes drop off and pickup much quicker.

Several of our grade level teachers have or are planning to have Don Walker into their classrooms to highlight some STEM projects before we head over to the Think Big Space at the Sage Center. He has brought many neat items for our students to experience hands on learning while focusing on technology pieces connected to STEM. Students and staff really enjoy these times and look forward to their week-long adventure at the Sage Center in the future.

I wanted to make sure to highlight our Wolf Pack Leaders and provide a link for you to check out. We are fortunate to have such amazing students here at Windy River Elementary!

<https://wre.morrow.k12.or.us/o/wre/page/september-wolf-pack-leaders>

Riverside Jr/Sr High School

Board Goal #3: Collaboration with county and regional partners to further provide innovative learning opportunities for students.

Two years at Riverside we began planning our greenhouse project. Due to COVID-19 this project was delayed, but the greenhouse is finished and we are now ready to begin purchasing tables and items for the interior. This project was made possible through partnerships with the Riverside FFA Advisory Board and the Port of Morrow. The FFA Advisory Board worked with the FFA programs in Morrow County to have a county wide auction. The funds raised from 2 years of this auction were put to use to buy the greenhouse kit, and complete the build of the project. We can't thank the FFA Advisory Board enough for their hard work and dedication to our school and students, this is going to be a tremendous addition for our students to learn about plant growth. Riverside is extremely thankful as well for the Port of Morrow who constructed the structure. They are a very busy organization and without their help this project would not have been completed. Below are a couple of pictures of the greenhouse.



AC Houghton Elementary

Wow! Great things are happening in Morrow County and students at A.C. Houghton Elementary School are benefiting greatly from numerous activities this month. Amazon's AWS Tech Week will provide an opportunity for our 3rd grade students to learn about Data Centers on October 13th. Also, we have been busy preparing for our STEAM Fun Friday on October 15th.

Once again, North Morrow Community Arts Foundation is providing a theater performance for students in Irrigon. The Traveling Lantern Group will be here on October 20th for a live production of *Robin Hood*. Traveling Lantern will also be back for a virtual performance in December of *A Christmas Carol*.

Then on October 21st, students in grades K-3 will participate in an earthquake drill and learn about emergency preparedness with resources from ShakeOut.org. You can learn more about this international drill by scanning the QR code. We have also partnered with the American Red Cross for the Pillowcase Project which is a preparedness education program that teaches students about personal and family preparedness and safety skills, local hazards, and basic coping skills.



Finally, we are so excited that our 3rd grade students will be visiting the new Think Big space at the SAGE Center in early November.

Irrigon Elementary School

We have successfully completed the month of September. This school year has been very hard and challenging at the same time. We have worked tirelessly to keep our school sanitized and safe for students to be able to enjoy a mostly normal school day. Our student families have been very supportive and responsive to any type of school communication. We are so thankful to have parents who want to support our students and school.



Our 4th and 5th grade students have been learning about STEM from Mr. Walker. They have worked on Sphero Bots, Straw Rockets, Plant Structure with Sphero, The Sphero Robots and Measurements with Sphero. Mr. Walker is at Irrigon Elementary School every Monday engaging in STEM activities/lessons. We have appreciated his expertise and willingness to support our teachers with STEM.



Lastly, we are looking forward to having our students participate in class ASB elections and speeches. We have a lot of natural student leaders in our building and now they will have the opportunity to serve on the Student Council. Our upcoming events are harvest parties and parent teacher conferences.



Lastly, we had our school mascot come to visit our school campus. This is the first time that I can remember a SCORPION found at IES! Our mascot now resides at our assistant custodian's house in his wood pile.

Irrigon Jr/Sr High School

September has come and gone in a flash. The warm summer weather is finally leaving us, and the briskness of fall has arrived. The jitters and nervousness that started the school year has finally subsided and we are now getting into the groove of begin back at school. We were very excited to be able to have a mostly "normal" homecoming week this month, with 3 of our 4 sports teams earning a victory during homecoming week. The only thing that was missing was a homecoming dance. Our ASB students decided against holding a dance due to COVID concerns and restrictions, and are hopeful that we will be able to host one later in the school year. We are very thankful to the local car club members that donated their time and their vehicles to chaperone our homecoming court to the football field for the king and queen presentation.

Building on the theme of local collaboration, we are also very excited to get the student internships up and running again. Earlier this month we had a number of students interview for internship positions and they will begin working at their locations very soon. A very big thank you to Kimberly Rill from the POM (an ex-student of mine) and to Kylene Briggs (newly hired Graduation Specials/Tutor) for working hard to make sure the internship interviews were able to happen and provide students with this great opportunity. We were also very excited to plan out future events with the

Port of Morrow for opportunities for our students to have on-site/hands on experiences with some of the port industries as well as looking for ways those industries can be brought into the classroom.

If you happen to be driving up to IES or IJSHS you will notice some road construction all along Division St. The city was able to secure funding through a grant designed to provide safe routes to school, and is installing a walking path along Division St. This was desperately needed, as Division St. was used by a large number of students that walk to both buildings. Previously the road did not have a shoulder for students to walk on, so many students had to walk in the roadway to get to school. I would like to extend a very big thank you to the city for making this happen for our students!

Our FFA group has also continued their student back pack program this year, providing backpacks of supplies as well as food for local students in need here in Irrigon – Mr. Greer has done a lot of work to make this happen!

There is a lot of great work going on daily here at IJSHS, and we look to continue to add to that the rest of the year!

Heppner Elementary

Greetings from HES!

There are two things that I wish to highlight in terms of county and regional partnerships for innovative learning. Both are new and connected to the STEAM funding we now receive.

First, the addition of a STEAM teacher in Heppner greatly increased the opportunities for innovative learning at HES. Mrs. Nelson teaches each class at HES twice a week. This is a regular opportunity for students to get their hands on their learning. Mrs. Nelson is also active in preparing for and ordering materials for our Fun Friday/STEAM Friday activities.

Students have increased opportunities in the school schedule but the influence of this position goes beyond the one classroom and four Fridays a year. Mrs. Nelson is also supporting STEAM activities in the regular classrooms through communication with IMESD and Mr. Don Walker at the Sage Center to partner in bringing more opportunities to HES. She has arranged for Science Kits from IMESD. She is in collaboration with Mr. Walker to bring Robotics and other STEM activities to our students.

The second partnership is that with The Sage Center, and other partners from the Port of Morrow, through Mr. Walker's position there. Mr. Walker has already visited HES several times to meet with both students and staff. Mr. Walker spent a whole day in Mrs. Gibbs 4th grade class helping students with innovative learning. He also visited Mrs. Coiner's 6th grade with some fun stuff to get the students excited for their turn to visit his classroom at The Sage Center. We look forward to having Mrs. Rosenbalm's 3rd grade class visit The Sage Center on a field trip soon. All grades 4th through 6th are scheduled to spend a week in Mr. Walker's classroom at The Sage Center.

Thanks once again for your support and time on behalf of all our HES family.

Heppner Jr/Sr High School

Greetings MCSD Board of Directors – This month's report relates to Board Goal #3: Collaboration with county and regional partners to further provide innovative learning opportunities for students.

Some innovative learning opportunities that we are excited to highlight at HJSHS for the 2021-2022 school year include; The Student Internship Program, STEAM/FUN Friday Program, The Heppner FFA Food Backpack program, The HJSHS FBLA T-shirt design and production program and The HJSHS ASB recycle program.

I am thrilled to report that we were able to move forward with outreach and recruitment for the Student Internship Program, for the 2021-2022 school year! Through this partnership with Kalie Davis and Kim Rill (Port of Morrow Workforce Development), MCSD, IMESD and our Morrow County business partners, the internship program provides students not only with HS credit opportunities but also with paid internship experiences that help them build resumes while exploring career related learning opportunities at the same time. The program is open to Juniors and Seniors who are on track to graduate and has become extremely popular with our students and business partners since its inception!

STEAM/FUN Friday Program is a worthwhile “hands-on” learning opportunity where students are able to participate in STEAM related hands-on learning experiences that are both fun and practical. The STEAM activities are created and designed by staff to inspire learning and give students an opportunity to explore what S.T.E.A.M is all about on designated Fridays throughout the school year!

The HJSHS ASB Recycle Program is an ASB student led program that coordinated and facilitated by our ASB officers. Our ASB students collect and recycle cans/bottles with the proceeds going toward ASB sponsored community/school related activities and events.

The FBLA T-Shirt Design and Production Program is a student led program coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Collins that designs and produces t-shirts and hats for various groups and organizations. They also do special requests for members of the business community and even miscellaneous items for special events. Our community has always supported our schools and they like to show their school spirit by buying shirts and hats. What better way to capitalize on this area than for the FBLA members to produce those shirts and hats? Every HJSHS FBLA student will benefit from this venture as they are learning marketing skills, creativity, organization, and entrepreneurship all while making money for our FBLA program. It will also be nice to not have to worry as much about fund raising for registrations and competitions associated with sending our students to Oregon Leadership Institute, State and National FBLA competitions, etc.

The Heppner Backpack Food Program provides a weekend supply of nutritious food for children, for low-income families, to help replace the school meals that children miss during their weekend or extended breaks from school. Each weekend food bag contains enough food for three breakfasts, three lunches, three snacks, one can of vegetables, and one can of fruit. All food is nonperishable. We invite your help finding children/families who will benefit most from participating in this program. The program is coordinated and facilitated by Mrs. Dickenson along with HJSHS FFA and Agriculture students who help to sign children up, pack food bags weekly, write grants, and organize fundraising and donation drives to help keep the program running. The program is currently funded through generous gifts from the National FFA Foundation, Heppner Jr/Sr High School FFA, Heppner FFA Chapter, Willow Creek Valley Economic Development Group, DPR Construction, Land O’ Lakes, Morrow County Grain Growers and many other gracious “anonymous” community donors.

I would like to end this report by thanking each of you for your support of Heppner Schools, and your commitment to all students of the Morrow County School District.

Management’s Discussion and Analysis

MCSD – Maintenance & Facilities Update – October 2021

AC Houghton’s Chiller Unit for the Gymnasium will receive two new compressors that will be installed by McKinstry later this month when the parts arrive.

After safety concerns were brought to our attention concerning The IMAC building located on ACH/MCSD property, the District approved recommendations by Rock Enterprises to rebuild the chimney and replace the safety rails by the fire exits.

Floor Solutions is installing flake vinyl flooring over the existing tile in the men’s restroom in the Ag/Tech Building at HJSHS. The women’s restroom floor will be completed this summer since it is in much better shape and due to Floor Solutions not being able to start the project this past summer.

Rock Enterprises will install new gates and repair the dividing fence at Windy River and Sam Boardman this month. The gates will allow easier and safer access to school for students living in the new addition behind the playground area.

New light fixtures were installed at the North District Office in Irrigon by Wildcat Electric.

We continue our virtual meetings with Wenaha/PAC West/MCSD Core Team to keep on track with the bond process. We are incorporating the McKinstry HVAC assessment with the Long-Range Facilities Plans assessment. We are working with PAC/WEST lobbying group on press releases for social media, websites and local papers to highlight our many programs and how we use the different funding sources that are available to MCSD. We are hoping to engage the one third group from the survey that didn't feel they had enough information to answer the questions about the District. Another survey is planned for later this year.

Staff Incident/Accidents Report:

Date	School	Incident
10/4/21	SBE	Employee slipped on wet floor in classroom. No time loss.